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SUBJECT : WAR OF WORDS GOES ON

1. LATEST IN SEEMINGLY NEVER ENDING SERIES OF ATTACKS ON PRESIDENTS HOUPHOUET AND SENGHOR IN GUINEAN MEDIA WAS RADIO EDITORIAL ENTITLED "PERGRINATIONS OF THE PUPPETS", WHICH WAS BROADCAST ON GUINEAN GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION NOVEMBER 29 AND 30 NOV. JUST PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 22 CELEBRATIONS OF "PEOPLES' VICTORY", RADIO HAD EDITORIAL CLAIMING THAT "SEDAR" MEANS "GARBAGE" AND "HOUPHOUET", "GARBAGE CAN", THEREFORE, IT IS NATURAL THAT SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET GET ON WELL TOGETHER. IN HIS NOVEMBER 22 ADDRESS TO PEOPLE, PRESIDENT TOURE SPENT GREAT DEAL OF TIME DENOUNCING THESE TWO IN USUAL EXTRAVAGANT TERMS. AS EMBASSY REPORTING IN SEPARATE AIRGRAM, JOINT GUINEAN-UGANDIAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON OCCASION DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT AMIN NOVEMBER 23, WHILE MAKING NO MENTION OF SENGHOR OR HOUPHOUET, HAS BOTH PARTIES ACCEPTING TOURE'S VIEW OF NEIGHBORING CHIEFS OF STATE AS TOOLS OF FRENCH IMPERIALISM PREPARING TO INVADE GUINEA TO OVERTHROW TOURE'S REGIME.

2. THUS EXCEPT FOR BRIEF BREATHING PERIOD (NOTED CONAKRY 1658)

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FROM THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER, CONTRARY WHAT APPEARS FROM

ELSEWHERE (ABIDJAN 7986), THERE HAS BEEN NO INTERRUPTION IN THE FLOW OF WORDS DIRECTED AGAINST THE TWO NEIGHBORING PRESIDENTS WHO ARE DESCRIBED AS ARCH TRAITORS TO THEIR PEOPLE AND TO ALL OF AFRICA.

3. AS FAR AS THIS EMBASSY AWARE, FRIENDLY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE FROM GOWON TO AMIN HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND SOME WAY OF RESTORING HARMONY BETWEEN PRESIDENT TOURE AND HIS NEIGHBORING CHIEFS OF STATE. ONE FOREIGN OBSERVER WHO TALKED TO NIGERIAN DELEGATES TO NOVEMBER 22 EVENTS TELLS US THAT GOWON DEFINITELY WORRIED AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE CAN DO TO PATCH THINGS UP. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN TOLD BY ANOTHER SOURCE THAT GOWON WILL ARRIVE IN CONAKRY ON DECEMBER 18. THERE IS NO SIGN OF ANY AMELIORATION OF TOURE'S WRATH SO WAR OF WORDS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE SINCE HOUPHOUET AND SENGHOR SEEM TO BE PERMANENTLY ENSCONCED IN SEKOU TOURE'S HALL OF REVOLUTIONARY ENEMIES.
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